

JOINT TASK FORCE - FULL ACCOUNTING  
BIOGRAPHIC/SITE REPORT AS OF 11 AUGUST 1993

===== BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION =====

REFNO: 0966-0-01 (ACCNO 0162) Status: (T) RELEASED  
Name: LEWIS, ROBERT III Date Status assigned: 5 Mar 1973

Nationality	AMERICAN	Race	NEGROID	Blood Chit	
Service	ARMY	Sex	MALE	Blood type	
Grade	E4	Hair	BLACK	Complexion	DARK
SSAN	DATA	Eyes	BROWN	Weapon	
Serial No	67128367	Height	64 in / 1.63 mtrs	Weapon No	
Birth date	1 Jun 1947	Weight	123 lb / 55.7 kg	Duty pos	CREWMAN
Home State	TEXAS	Religion	PROTESTANT	PW Camp	QUANG NAM PRO

===== SITE INFORMATION =====

INCIDENT LOCATION (0)

Site Type: CRASH SITE  
UTM: 49PAT967265  
Lat/Long: 153558N / 1081017E  
Country: SOUTH VIETNAM  
Military Region: 1  
Mission Province: QUANG NAM-DA NANG  
(formerly): QUANG NAM  
Mission District: HIEP DUC  
Mission Date: 5 Jan 1968  
Mission Category: \$  
Local Analysis: None.

===== JTF-FA ACTIVITY SUMMARY =====

Additional Information Obtained: Aug 90  
Vessey Case: NO

===== VEHICLE DATA =====

Vehicle Type:	UH1C	Serial:	504
Crash Type:	Enemy action	Engine Type:	T53
Call Sign:	@	1 Serial:	
Year:	66	2 Serial:	

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===== BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION =====

REFNO: 0966-0-02 (ACCNO 0006) Status: (T) RELEASED  
Name: ANTON, FRANCIS GENE Date Status assigned: 16 Mar 1973

Nationality	AMERICAN	Race	CAUCASIAN	Blood Chit	
Service	ARMY	Sex	MALE	Blood type	
Grade	W1	Hair	BROWN	Complexion	
SSAN	DATA	Eyes	BROWN	Weapon	
Serial No	3155469	Height	72 in / 1.83 mtrs	Weapon No	
Birth date	27 Nov 1943	Weight	140 lb / 63.4 kg	Duty pos	COPILLOT
Home State	CALIFORNIA	Religion	CATHOLIC	PW Camp	

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Country: SOUTH VIETNAM  
Military Region: 1  
Mission Province: QUANG NAM-DA NANG  
(formerly): QUANG NAM  
Mission District: HIEP DUC  
Mission Date: 5 Jan 1968  
Mission Category: \$  
Local Analysis: None.

===== JTF-FA ACTIVITY SUMMARY =====

Additional Information Obtained: Aug 90  
Vessey Case: NO

===== VEHICLE DATA =====

Vehicle Type:	UH1C	Serial:	504
Crash Type:	Enemy action	Engine Type:	T53
Call Sign:	@	1 Serial:	
Year:	66	2 Serial:	

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===== BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION =====

REFNO: 0966-0-03 (ACCNO 0220) Status: (T) RELEASED  
Name: PFISTER, JAMES FREDERICK JR Date Status assigned: 5 Mar 1973

Nationality	AMERICAN	Race	CAUCASIAN	Blood Chit	
Service	ARMY	Sex	MALE	Blood type	
Grade	E3	Hair	BROWN	Complexion	FAIR
SSAN	DATA	Eyes	BLUE	Weapon	
Serial No	16823128	Height	64 in / 1.63 mtrs	Weapon No	
Birth date	19 Jun 1948	Weight	140 lb / 63.4 kg	Duty pos	GUNNER
Home State	INDIANA	Religion	PROTESTANT	PW Camp	QUANG NAM PRO

===== SITE INFORMATION =====

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Country: SOUTH VIETNAM  
Military Region: 1  
Mission Province: QUANG NAM-DA NANG  
(formerly): QUANG NAM  
Mission District: HIEP DUC  
Mission Date: 5 Jan 1968  
Mission Category: \$  
Local Analysis: None.

===== JTF-FA ACTIVITY SUMMARY =====

Additional Information Obtained: Aug 90  
Vessey Case: NO

===== VEHICLE DATA =====

Vehicle Type: UH1C	Serial: 504
Crash Type: Enemy action	Engine Type: T53
Call Sign: @	1 Serial:
Year: 66	2 Serial:

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=== CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS ===

23 January 1968

IDENT AS PW BY AGOSTO-SANTOS & ORTIZ-RIVERA.

5 November 1969

IDENT AS PW BY STRICKLAND, TINSLEY & WATKINS.

25 December 1971

WROTE LETTERS HOME XMAS 1971. NOT ACKNOWLEDGED CPT PRE

12 February 1970

REPORT CONCERNING CAPTURE OF 2 US PW IN QUE SON DIST IN NOV 67.  
DESCRIPTION CLOSELY RESEMBLES THAT OF SUBJECT

4 March 1973

RELEASED FROM SVN

21 March 1973

LEWIS (0162) DEBRIEF: LEWIS WAS CAPTURED APPROXIMATELY 0530 HOURS VICINITY OF COORDINATES AT 967265, NORTHWEST OF TAM KY, SVN. LEWIS WAS SERVING AS CREW CHIEF ABOARD A UH1B HELICOPTER GUNSHIP ON A COMBAT SUPPORT MISSION. THE AIRCRAFT'S HYDRAULIC SYSTEM WAS HIT BY SMALL ARMS FIRE AND .50 CALIBER MACHINE GUN FIRE. ALL WEAPONS WERE LOST WHEN AIRCRAFT CRASHED. OTHERS ABOARD: ANTON (0006), CARSON (NONE) AND PFISTER (0220). THEY WERE HIDING BESIDE A TRAIL, WHEN APPROXIMATELY 4 VIET CONG SOLDIERS

ARRIVED, SEARCHING FOR THE CREW. THE VC BOOBY-TRAPPED THE AIRCRAFT AND LEFT. THE AREA BEGAN RECEIVING ARTILLERY FIRE. THE CREW DECIDED TO STAY CLOSE TO THE AIRCRAFT IN CASE OF RESCUE. LEWIS HEARD AN AIRCRAFT FLYING IN THE VICINITY, BUT THE HEAVY FOG PREVENTED IT FROM LANDING. APPROXIMATELY 15-20 VC APPEARED, SEARCHING FOR THE CREW. ANTON, PFISTER AND LEWIS WERE CAPTURED. CARSON WAS LAST SEEN TO LEWIS'S REAR, APPROXIMATELY 30 MINUTES PRIOR TO LEWIS CAPTURE.

6 December 1973

MSG USDAO SGN IR 6 918 5010 73: SOURCE (ARVN RELEASEE SOURCE)  
REPORTED THAT A VC/NVA PW CAMP WAS LOCATED ON THE TANG RIVER (LOCAL NAME),

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VICINITY BS 140522, DAK LOP VILLAGE. A VILLAGER TOLD SOURCE THAT THE LOCAL NAME FOR THE CAMP WAS TRA KHE (SIC). SOURCE PROVIDED INFORMATION ON THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS: GARWOOD (0433), REPORTED AS A DEFECTOR BY QUY; RELEASEES ANZALDUA (1573), DALY (0055), DAVIS (0058), ELBERT (4054), DIEHL (0369), HARKER (0113), LEWIS (0162),

PFISTER (0220), MEHRER (1506), WATKINS (2120) AND SCHWINN (0323); AND DECEASED US PERSONNEL CANNON (6315), WEATHERMAN (5014), HAMMOND (0441), ZAWTOCKI (0497), WILLIAMS (6319), SHERMAN (6224), EISENBRAUN (5375), SMITH (0270), AND GRISSET (6223). USDAO SGN IR 6 918 5002 73 PROVIDES ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THE ABOVE PERSONNEL. SOURCE MADE POSITIVE PHOTO IDENTIFICATION OF ALL PERSONNEL. (FILED 0323)

23 January 1968

ANTON IDENTIFIED AS PW BY AGOSTO-SANTOS AND ORTIZ-RIVERA.

5 November 1969

ANTON IDENTIFIED AS PW BY STRICKLAND, TINSLEY AND WATKINS.

25 December 1971

ANTON WROTE LETTERS HOME XMAS 1971. NOT ACKNOWLEDGED CPT PRE

16 October 1968

FBIS REPORT - ANTIWAR BROADCAST MENTIONING NAMES OF FLOYD H. KUSHNER, RICHARD F. WILLIAMS /BNR/, WILLIE A. WATKINS /RELEASED/, DENNIS W. HAMMOND, FRANCIS G. ANTON, AND EDWIN N. GRISSETT /BNR/.

30 December 1971

FBIS REPORT - CHRISTMANS MESSAGE TO ANTON FAMILY.

30 May 1972

FBIS REPORT - ANTIWAR BROADCAST MENTIONING NAMES OF F.H. KUSHNER, R.C. ANSHUS, F.D. ANTON, D.W. SOOTER, J.R. CAVIANI, A.R. RIATI, J.A. YOUNG, R.P. CHENOWETH, K.D. RAYFORD, J.A. DALY, F.L. ELBERT, D.A. MCPHAIL, J.G. SPARKS, A.L. KAVANNAUGH, J.J. ANZALDUA.

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13 March 1973

ANTON RELEASED FROM HANOI BY PRG.

26 April 1973

ANTON DEBRIEF; ANTON WAS FLYING A UH-1C HELICOPTER IN A FLIGHT OF 2 ON A NIGHT SUPPORT MISSION. AIRCRAFT WAS BADLY DAMAGED BY GROUND FIRE. ANTON LANDED THE CRAFT IN A RICE PADDY, AMID HEAVY SMALL ARMS, MORTAR AND MACHINE GUN FIRE. ANTON, LEWIS, PFISTER, AND CARSON (ESCAPED LANDING LOCATION), EXITED SAFELY AND HID IN A RICE PADDY NEAR CHOPPER WITHOUT BEING DETECTED. LOCATION OF THE CRASH WAS IN THE VICINITY OF BT 1118, APPROXIMATELY 15 MILES WEST SOUTH WEST OF TAM KY VS. IMMEDIATELY, AN UNKNOWN NUMBER OF VC ARRIVED AT THE LANDING SITE AND REMAINED OVERNIGHT. CARSON APPARENTLY ESCAPED DURING THE NIGHT.

HOPING FOR AIR RESCUE, ANTON, LEWIS AND PFISTER REMAINED IN THE VICINITY OF THE HELICOPTER. AT APPROXIMATELY 0630 ANTON WAS DISCOVERED BY FOUR ARMED VIET CONG (VC).

19 July 1971

UH1C NO 66-504-OU WRECKAGE AT AT960268 INSPECTED. NO REMAINS WERE FOUND. CREW OF THREE LISTED AS CAPTURED.

23 January 1968

PFISTER IDENT AS PW BY AGOSTO-SANTOS AND ORTIZ-RIVERA.

5 November 1969

PFISTER IDENT AS PW BY STRICKLAND, TINSLEY AND WATKINS

4 March 1973

PFISTER RELEASED FROM SVN

14 March 1973

PFISTER STATED THAT THE NAME OF HUNEY CUTT WAS BROADCAST BY RADIO HANOI AS BEING CAPTURED.

19 March 1973

PFISTER DEBRIEF; PFISTER WAS A CREW MEMBER ON A UH-1C HELICOPTER GUN SHIP ON A MISSION TO PROVIDE FIRE TO UNIT UNDER HEAVY ATTACK IN QUE SON VALLEY.

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THE LOW CEILING AND HEAVY GROUND FIRE PREVENTED THEM FROM MAKING THEIR GUN RUNS. WHILE ORBITING NEAR THE AREA, THE SHIP TOOK A HIT. THE HELO LANDED VICINITY AT 967265. THE COPILOT CARLSON (NONE) JUMPED OUT AND WAS NOT SEEN AGAIN. PFISTER AND LEWIS WERE CAPTURED BY TWO ENEMY SOLDIERS AT 0600-0700, AFTER EVADING FOR 10 HOURS.

6 December 1973

MSG USDAO SGN IR 6 918 5010 73; SOURCE (ARVN RELEASEE *Source*) REPORTED THAT A VC/NVA PW CAMP WAS LOCATED ON THE TANG RIVER (LOCAL NAME), VICINITY VS 140522, DAK LOP VILLAGE. A VILLAGER TOLD SOURCE THAT THE LOCAL NAME FOR THE CMAP WAS TRA KHE (SIC). SOURCE PROVIDED INFORMATION ON THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS; GARWOOD, REPORTED AS A DEFECTOR BY QUY; RELEASEES ANZALDUA, DALY, DAVIS, ELBERT, DIEHL, HARKER, LEWIS, PFISTER, MEHRER, WATKINS AND SCHWINN; AND DECEASED US PERSONNEL CANNON, WEATHERMAN, HAMMOND, ZAWTOCKI, WILLIAMS, SHERMAN, EISENBRAUN, SMITH, AND GRISSET. USDAO SGN IR 6 918 5002 73 PROVIDED ADDITIONAL INFO ON THE ABOVE PERSONNEL. SOURCE MAD

=== REFERENCES ===

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<1> JCRC BANGKOK TH 151415Z OCT 90.

=== JOINT INVESTIGATION, SURVEY OR EXCAVATION ===

9 August 1993

ON 6 AUG 1990 A JOINT U.S./SRV INVESTIGATION TEAM INTERVIEWED WITNESSES IN DANANG CITY, QUANG NAM-DANANG PROVINCE, WHO WERE SAID TO HAVE BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH THE MR5 POW CAMP. A GENERAL AREA WHERE THE CAMP CEMETARY WAS LOCATED WAS IDENTIFIED, AND A NAME WAS MENTIONED BY ONE OF THE WITNESSES WHICH CORRELATED TO REFNO 0966, A RESOLVED CASE. (REF 1)



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CAMP H. M. SMITH, HAWAII 96861-5025

CASE 0967-0-01 THROUGH 05

NARRATIVE

ON 5 JANUARY 1968, WARRANT OFFICER ONE DENNIS C. HAMILTON,  
WARRANT OFFICER ONE SHELDON D. SCHULTZ, *NAME*  
, SPECIALIST FOUR JAMES D. WILLIAMSON AND STAFF  
SERGEANT JOHN T. GALLAGHER WERE ABOARD AN UH-1D HELICOPTER  
(SERIAL NUMBER 66-1172, ON A MISSION TO INFILTRATE A  
RECONNAISSANCE PATROL. THE HELICOPTER WAS HIT BY GROUND FIRE,  
WENT INTO A NOSE DIVE AND CRASHED IN THE VICINITY OF GRID  
COORDINATES XD701021, APPROXIMATELY 60 KILOMETERS SOUTHEAST OF  
XEPON AND 2 KILOMETERS EAST OF BAN TE BANG, SAVANNAKHET PROVINCE.  
RESCUE FORCES ATTEMPTED TO REACH THE SITE BUT WERE NOT SUCCESSFUL  
DUE TO THE INTENSE HOSTILE FIRE.

PERTINENT DATA ARE AS FOLLOWS:

NAME: *NAME*  
RANK:  
DATE OF BIRTH:  
RACE: *DATA*  
HEIGHT:  
WEIGHT:  
HAIR:  
EYES:

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PASSED TO OFFICIALS OF THE LAO  
GOVERNMENT DURING A COORDINATION  
MEETING ON 31 DEC 93 IN VIENTIANE